(b) if so, what *we* the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI). (a) and (b) The nomination facilities in banks have been brouj ht in.o force with effect from 29th March, 1985.

Screening of Income Tax Officers

317. SHM SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to ttate:

(a) whether Government have recen tly decided to sereen senior Income Tax Officers in the Country;

(b) if so, what is the result thereof stating the authority entrusted with the screening;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain Income Tax Officers sought retirement before the screening was conducted, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to screen the junior officers of the Department also in order to ascertain whether any of them has assets and living style beyond their means?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI). (a) The process of screening all officials of the Income-tax Department includiHg Senior Income-tax Officers, with a view to taking action in suitable cases, is a continuous one.

(b) So far during 1985, four Commissioners of Income-tax and five Income-tax Officers have been pre-maturely retired under Fundamental Rule 56(j), in the public interest.

Screening is initially done by a Committee of senior officers within the De– 1225 RS—6,

partment and thereafter a Review Committee consisting of Secretary, Department of Revenue and a nominee of ihe Cabinet Secretariat examines the cases. After following the ' further prescribed procedure, the final orders are passed by the Competent Authority.

(c) According to the information available at present, 12 Commissioners of Income-tax, 3 Assistant Commissioners and 9 Income-tax Officers t°°k voluntary retirement during 1985. However, it is not possible to saV whether they took voluntary retirement in anticipation of thj screening process by the Department.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Raising of bank service Charges

318. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have rais?d the Bank servic charges with effect from 1st September, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details 'hereof stating the considerations which weigh-d in favour of raising the bank se-vice charges;

(c) whether there has been wide dis satisfaction and res ntment in the in dustry and trade against the rise in thes.' charges; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider the matter, and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI). (a) and (b) Some of the public sector banks have revised their charges for services rendered by them to customers. The revisions have been eftec'ed with the objective °f covering the costs incurred by the banks in rendering such services, to a substantial extent.